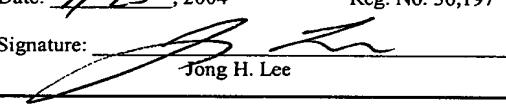


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RULE 116 AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 12, 2003, please reconsider
 the above-identified application in view of the following.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of
 this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.